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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HOLDS
STATE OF ALL HAZARDS PREPAREDNESS FORUM**

HONOLULU — The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) in partnership with the Queen's Medical Center is pleased to present *Are We Prepared? The State of the States All Hazard Preparedness*, on Wednesday, November 16, 2005 from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Mabel Smythe Auditorium, Queen's Conference Center, 510 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu.

The forum will provide an opportunity for health care industry professionals as well as the public to hear about the current status of Hawaii's emergency response preparedness efforts as it relates to health care. Hawaii Medical Reserve Corps and lessons learned from the experiences of Hawaii's Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) that was deployed to New Orleans to assist in the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts will also be discussed.

Panel expertise includes Paul Effler, Ph.D., M.D., DOH Disease Outbreak Control Division Chief and State Epidemiologist, Toby Clairmont, RN, CEM, Emergency Program Manager and Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness Program Project Manager, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and Ed Texeira, Vice Director, Hawaii State Civil Defense.

"We originally had planned to hold this discussion during our September Health Conference, but the session was postponed due to Hurricane Katrina relief deployment of two of our panel members," said State Health Director Chiyome Fukino, M.D. "We encourage all health professionals to attend."

There is no cost to attend. Call the Department of Health at 586-4400 to register by November 14, 2005 or for more information.

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